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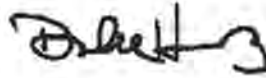
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Enclosure(s) (2)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-2503) (C)

DATE: 7/24/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 7/15/68 J. VERNON PACE, JR., State Coordinator, John Birch Society who resides at Forest, Mississippi, personally contacted this Agent in Forest, Miss., and requested that this Agent contact him later in the day as he had some things he wanted to discuss.

During the evening of 7/15/68 SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] contacted J. VERNON PACE, JR., at his residence at which time he furnished the following information:

Mr. PACE reiterated that he is currently the State Coordinator for the John Birch Society and as such, has responsibility for John Birch Society activities within the State of Miss. Mr. PACE continued that he wanted it to be known the FBI that the John Birch Society is anti-Klan in nature and will revoke the membership in the John Birch Society of any Ku Klux Klan member that is discovered.

With relation to the recent "Conservative Rally" that was held at Pearl, Miss., Mr. PACE stated that he was very upset that the John Birch Society name appeared on the posters advertising this rally as no permission had been given. He stated he further understood that [REDACTED] was also highly perturbed that his name appeared on the posters as well as numerous other names that appeared on the poster which gave the impression that the various individuals and

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groups such as the John Birch Society sponsored such a rally which was not the case. Mr. PACE stated that he understood a woman had made arrangements to rent the school that was used for the "Conservative Rally" that was held; however, he is not aware of her name.

Mr. PACE further stated that the John Birch Society Chapter at Philadelphia, Miss., is apparently having problems with the Ku Klux Klan in the area as the Klan is irritated because the John Birch Society publically states that no active Klansmen can become members of the John Birch Society.

Mr. PACE further commented that DELMAR DENNIS was a member of the John Birch Society at Meridian, Miss., and after he testified in the trial concerning the slaying of the three Civil Rights workers, [redacted]

[redacted] the John Birch Society in Meridian [redacted]

Mr. PACE to revoke the membership of DELMAR DENNIS. Mr. PACE stated that he refused to do so which highly irritated [redacted] and this was a factor in the dissolving of the John Birch Society Chapter at Meridian. PACE noted that the charter has been revoked at Meridian and he further commented that [redacted] and [redacted] were John Birch Society Members [redacted]

Mr. PACE further stated that he understood that various klansmen in the Meridian area nominated John Birch Society members for officers in the White Citizen's Council at Meridian, Miss., which PACE felt was an effort to use the John Birch Society as a front for the klansmen who would feel they could influence the John Birch Society members that they had helped place in positions within the White Citizen's Council. PACE stated that when this effort on the part of the klan was brought to his attention, he immediately instructed the John Birch Society members to resign their positions from the White Citizen's Council; however all did not

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do so. He stated this was also a contributing factor in the revocation of the John Birch Society Charter in Meridian, Miss.

Mr. PACE further remarked that he is forwarding newspaper clippings concerning the recent attempted bombing of a Meridian businessman's home and shooting of a police officer to his headquarters in Belmont, California. He further stated that he keeps his headquarters in Belmont informed of most all racial incidents in the Miss. area.

Mr. PACE also let it be known that he wanted to cooperate fully with the FBI in whatever way he could and stated he would furnish any information concerning Ku Klux Klan activities that may come to his attention and stated he will not tolerate any violence by any John Birch Society members nor would he in anyway allow the John Birch Society to become affiliated with or "infiltrated" by the Ku Klux Klan.

Mr. PACE stated that [redacted]

[redacted] is of extreme interest to the John Birch Society inasmuch as his background and motives are unknown, although he professes to be a follower of the conservative cause. Mr. PACE noted that he is forwarding all newspaper articles concerning [redacted] to his headquarters in Belmont, California and has attempted to obtain some background information concerning [redacted]. PACE further stated that he had determined that [redacted] had gone to school at [redacted] which is the same school that PACE understands [redacted] attended.



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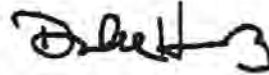
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On the lecture platform Edward Hunter shows how Communist psychological methods are today being used in the softening up of America, and how they compare with methods used in other countries preparatory to conquest.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-2836)

DATE: 5/3/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: J. VERNON PACE, JR.
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INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 5/2/67, PACE was contacted at his request at Forest, Miss., during which conversation PACE advised he desired to maintain rapport with this agent further advising he and the John Birch Society held the F.B.I. and Director HOOVER in high esteem. He further stated that a high official of the John Birch Society who had written articles critical of the F.B.I. had been dismissed.

During the conversation with PACE the following information was noted:

The John Birch Society has chapters in every state to include Alaska and Hawaii. PACE is a coordinator in Mississippi and future plans call for five coordinators to be in Mississippi. There are a total of 80 coordinators in the United States eighteen of which are in the Southern California area to include Orange, San Diego and Los Angeles, California.

With regard to the Ku Klux Klan, PACE advised he openly states to gatherings that a member of the Ku Klux Klan is not allowed to become a member of the John Birch Society and that any current member of JBS who is revealed as a member of the Klan will be kicked out. He advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the JBS about three years ago at Laurel, Mississippi, and that he, PACE, recommended that [REDACTED] be denied continued membership when it was discovered he was a member of the WKKKKOM. Although PACE met with resistance from other members of the JBS at Laurel, he continued in his efforts to have [REDACTED] membership revoked. Eventually, it became necessary to revoke the Laurel Charter of the JBS because of the controversy that developed to remove [REDACTED] PACE stated there has not been a chapter at Laurel since.

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A film, "Anarchy USA," produced by the JBS attempts to point out Communist tactics of dividing Americans and shows scenes of the KKK and activities of MARTIN LUTHER KING and the civil rights demonstrators. PACE advised the film emphasizes how the Klan is actually playing into the hands of the Communists by committing acts of violence and further stated he, PACE, emphasizes this when speaking before JBS members.

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PACE advised he has learned from his section leaders in Columbus and Meridian, Mississippi, that the Ku Klux Klan have been showing the film and PACE believes scenes showing the KKK activities may have been cut out. He further advised that no known copies of the film have been sold to the Klan that he is aware of and it is unknown where they obtained the film.

PACE further stated with reference to MARTIN LUTHER KING'S visit to Philadelphia, Miss., on two occasions in June 1966, that he, PACE, spoke to the JBS Chapter after violence erupted on the first visit and urged the members to get ahold of known troublemakers or those who might commit acts of violence and talk them out of it. PACE stated some JBS members took individuals fishing who could have caused trouble on KING'S return visit. He further advised that a JBS member caught an egg that was thrown at the marchers and after a coke bottle was thrown and broke, some JBS members confiscated a sack full of empty coke bottles that some of the spectators had to throw at the marchers.

PACE further expressed the opinion that the usefulness of MARTIN LUTHER KING may be ending and that Negroes themselves may perpetrate his assassination to make him a martyr. PACE further believed the logical place for greatest effect would be Mississippi.